

INVESTING IN A NEW VISION FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUR-
FACE TRANSPORTATION IN
AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act. H.R. 2 has significant goals which I proudly support. During this time of unrest as a result of different tragic encounters with police officers, I am especially proud of the inclusion of language that embraces my bill, H.R. 169—the Driver and Officer Safety Education Act.

The language included in H.R. 2 would establish a grant program for states with specific standards for education and training programs concerning civilian and law enforcement encounters during traffic stops and other in-person encounters. Originally intended to memorialize the fatal shooting of Philando Castile during a 2016 traffic stop in Minnesota, this language is both timely and extremely necessary given the recent tragic deaths of George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks who both died as a result of encounters with local law enforcement.

Their lives mattered. The inclusion of my bill H.R. 169 in H.R. 2 advances us toward a better understanding of how police and civilians should interact during traffic stops and other in-person encounters to save lives. However, to take the much-needed step toward effective reformation, we must also aim for reconciliation. My resolution, H. Res. 992, calls for a Department of Reconciliation that would report directly to the President and be charged with eliminating systemic racism and invidious discrimination from all aspects of American life.

I thank my colleagues on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for including

H.R. 169, and I look forward to H.R. 2 passing the Senate and hopefully being enacted as law. We cannot allow the multifaceted issues disproportionately affecting low-income communities and communities of color to go unaddressed.

IN HONOR OF BARRY D. JOHNSON

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Barry D. Johnson for his selfless service to our country. Mr. Johnson was enlisted in the U.S. Army for over two years and served our nation during the Vietnam War. During this time, he demonstrated a deep commitment to our nation. For his distinguished service, Mr. Johnson was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Following the war, Mr. Johnson returned to Somerset County and raised a family. His daughter Lori describes him as “a devoted family man and patriot” who has worked in various industries from coal to construction to support his family. Throughout his life, Mr. Johnson has remained committed to our American values of patriotism, dedication and service.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to thank Mr. Barry D. Johnson for his selfless service and to recognize his many contributions to our nation and the Somerset County community. He is an outstanding role model for Americans today and for generations to come. As we honor Mr. Johnson today, I offer him my sincere gratitude and wish him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I am back home in Green Bay, Wisconsin on paternity leave with my family. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 134; NAY on Roll Call No. 135; NAY on Roll Call No. 136; YEA on Roll Call No. 137; and NAY on Roll Call No. 138.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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